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DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

January 20, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOT - CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
CAMROSE DRIVE AND HIGHLAND AVENUE LIGHTING DISTRICT  
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Support the assessment on County-owned property within the boundaries of the existing City of Los Angeles Camrose Drive and Highland Avenue Lighting District for the operation and maintenance of the street lighting system at a proposed increase of \$56 per year from the current maintenance assessment of \$248 per year, subject to an annual inflation adjustment not to exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to cast the ballot in support of the assessment for the property.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the proposed increase in assessment to the existing Camrose Drive and Highland Avenue Lighting District will allow for the continued operation, maintenance, energy, lamp changing, fixture cleaning and repairs, and replacement of deteriorated lighting by the City within the proposed district.

The assessment district contains County-owned Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 5549-028-901, the Hollywood Bowl-Highland/Camrose Bungalows, which is occupied by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Board of Supervisors  
GLORIA MOLINA  
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Second District

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Third District

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Fourth District

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Fifth District

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we promote service excellence by providing the public with beneficial and responsive services (Goal 1). Support for the increase to the existing benefit assessment levied against the County property to facilitate servicing and maintenance of public street lighting fills an identified need and supports this strategy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The district's total assessment amount of \$992 to all property owners for 2004-05, including the proposed increase of \$311, is to provide for the continued servicing and maintenance of a public street lighting system. The portion of the assessment to be levied on the County property for 2004-05 is \$304, including the proposed increase of \$56 to cover increased costs to provide continued services. Thereafter, the annual assessments may be adjusted for any increases in the CPI, normal Southern California Edison Company energy increases, or by a re-balloting of property owners.

The assessment will be charged to the Rent Expense Budget. The total amount can be charged to the occupying department. The financial cost of paying this increased assessment can be absorbed within the department's 2004-05 budget appropriations.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies, including the County of Los Angeles, became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments, and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly-owned properties are not exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the action.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval to increase this existing benefit assessment will contribute to public safety through continued operation and maintenance of the public street lighting system within the assessment district.

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**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted Board letter to the CAO, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

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SDH:RC:pe

Attachment

c: County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Prop218-Camrose.b

# STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT BALLOT

Please read accompanying "Notice" before voting. **RETURN THIS ENTIRE BALLOT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.** Fold this ballot in thirds and make sure the Los Angeles City Clerk address on the back of this ballot appears in the window on the envelope.

## 1. CONFIRMATION OF PROPERTY AND VOTER INFORMATION -

City Clerk I.D. 58-3

☐ **PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX** if the property and ownership information on the address label is correct.

If any of the information is incorrect, please complete the information in the space provided below. All corrected information will be subject to verification.

COUNTY ASSESSOR NO. (APN): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Shown at the top of the address label)

PROPERTY OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

5549-028-901  
MP1 62 7 1 4  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
500 W TEMPLE ST  
RM 754  
LOS ANGELES CA 90012

## 2. PROPERTY FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT INFORMATION -

LIGHTING DISTRICT: CAMROSE DR. & HIGHLAND AVE. (see attached area map)

PROPERTY LOCATION: **2105 HIGHLAND AVE**

GROUP NO.: 05151-1

ELECTION NO.: 579

CITY ASSESSMENT NO.: 22-0079-003

REF. COUNTY APN.: 5549-028-901

<b>CURRENT:</b>	Maintenance Assessment =	<b>\$247.37</b>
<b>PROPOSED:</b>	Additional Maintenance Assessment =	<b>\$56.25</b>

Your additional maintenance assessment is subject to increase annually by **no more** than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside CA provided by the U. S. Dept. of Labor, without further notice or ballot.

## 3. VOTING SECTION - Please VOTE by marking your choice below with a ✓ in the appropriate box.

☐ **YES, I AM IN FAVOR** of being assessed an additional **ANNUAL ASSESSMENT** of **\$56.25**. I understand that the increase is required for the operation and maintenance of the proposed lighting specified in the enclosed area map.

☐ **NO, I AM NOT IN FAVOR** of being assessed for the operation of the specified lighting. I understand that a majority "NO" vote will result in the proposed streetlights specified in the enclosed area map being removed from service. **Regardless of the result of this ballot process, any pre-existing assessments will remain.**

In order for your vote to count:

1. You **MUST** complete all portions of this ballot.
2. You **MUST** sign this ballot.
3. We **MUST** receive your ballot no later than 1/27/2004.

Name (please print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-OR-

Duly Authorized

Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BALLOT FOR THE OPERATION OF STREETLIGHTS

required by Proposition 218, for street lighting within the

### ***CAMROSE DR. & HIGHLAND AVE. LIGHTING DISTRICT***

#### ***Group 05151-1***

- ✓ A majority "Yes" vote OF THOSE VOTING will provide continued operation and maintenance of the specified street lighting.
- ✓ A majority "No" vote OF THOSE VOTING will result in the specified street lighting being removed from service.

PARA MAS INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL, POR FAVOR LLAME AL (213) 485-8213.

#### ■ ***CITY POLICY - STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS***

Street lighting on steel or concrete poles have been installed near your property. The installation was financed by a private developer as a City required condition of the development. This is your Notice of Proceedings necessary to finance the maintenance and operation of the specified lighting near your property (see enclosed area map). Since 1935, Los Angeles City Policy has been that all benefiting property owners pay for the maintenance of street lighting near their property, which includes energy, lamp changing fixture cleaning and repairs, and eventual replacement of deteriorated, obsolete lighting. To date, maintenance assessments have not been collected for the specified lights. In accordance with the recently approved Proposition 218 (which requires that new and increased assessments be subject to approval by property owners), this Notice and Ballot is being sent to you for your vote.

#### ■ ***ASSESSMENT - AMOUNT AND BASIS***

Only those properties with nearby streetlights have special benefit, and pay an assessment. The amount assessed is based on the size, frontage(s) and zoning of the property, the lighting level, street classification and the type of street lighting equipment. About 490,000 parcels, or 2/3 of the parcels in the City benefit from streetlights and are assessed (in accordance with City Policy) annually for street lighting maintenance.

Your property, being near the specified street lighting, has special benefit, and is proposed to pay a street lighting maintenance assessment consistent with Council Policy. Assessments for maintenance of street lighting are collected through the County Property Tax Bill.

This is an annual assessment, which covers a 12-month operation period from July 1 to June 30 of this fiscal year. If the proposed maintenance assessments are confirmed and adopted, then the assessments indicated below will be collected for this fiscal year, as well as for each following fiscal year. The proposed assessments for your property and for the entire district are summarized below:

■ <b><i>ASSESSMENT INFORMATION</i></b> <b><i>(Maintenance and Operation)</i></b>		Proposed Annual Maintenance Assessment for the specified streetlights
<b><i>Entire District: (5 Parcels)</i></b>		<b>\$311.00</b>
<b><i>Your Parcel: ("City Assessment No." 22-0079-003)</i></b>		<b>\$56.25</b>

- \* The above new annual assessment is based on the following benefit footage(s) and rate(s):  
53 Benefit Feet X 1.0613 ('F' Rate for Residential Lighting Level)

For information, please call (213) 485-8213, Bureau of Street Lighting, 600 S. Spring St., 7th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90014.

## ■ **HOW PROPOSITION 218 BALLOTING WORKS**

Votes are evaluated according to the following guidelines:

1. Only property owners, or their duly authorized representatives, may vote.
2. You must actually vote for your ballot to be counted. Only those ballots received can affect the outcome.
3. Your ballot is weighted proportionally by the amount of the proposed assessment. Ballots representing larger assessments have a larger weight than ballots for smaller assessments.
4. The assessment will be levied only if the weighted "yes" ballots equal or exceed the weighted "no" ballots.
5. If there is a weighted majority of "no" ballots received, regardless of how few ballots are returned, the assessment shall not be imposed and the specified street lighting will be removed from service.

## ■ **BALLOT PROCEDURES**

In order for ballots to be counted, they must be received by the City no later than the date of the "Final Public Hearing", indicated in this Notice. Return the pink ballot sheet by following the instructions at the top of the ballot. The weighted count of yes and no votes will be counted by the City Clerk and reported to the Council at a meeting after the Final Public Hearing. The Council will then consider the vote results and other information, and may confirm and levy the assessments, unless there is a majority of "no" votes.

- A "YES" VOTE is "for" the street lighting maintenance assessment.
- A "NO" VOTE is against the street lighting maintenance assessment. A majority of "NO" votes will result in the specified street lighting being removed from service.
- IF YOU DO NOT VOTE, the decision on the maintenance assessment will be made only by those who do vote.

## ■ **PROTEST PROCEDURE**

There is a protest procedure provided by State and City law (2 and 3 referenced below). Protests presented for consideration of the Council are not binding, regardless of their number. The Council may accept or deny the protest at their discretion. Only a majority weighted vote against the assessment, of those voting, is binding.

Any person may file a written protest or appeal with the City Clerk at any time PRIOR TO OR ON THE DAY OF the Final Public Hearing by the City Council on this matter. Written protests shall specify the ground or grounds upon which the protest is based, the name and mailing address of the person protesting, a description sufficient to identify the property for which the protest is being filed, and be delivered to the City Clerk, Room 395, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

## ■ **TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Proposition 218, and other State and City laws, require a hearing at the Board of Public Works, a hearing at the Council, and a mailed Notice of the hearings and proceedings accompanied by a ballot.

**Public Hearing:** At 9:30 a.m. on 1/21/2004, IN THE THIRD FLOOR HEARING ROOM, 200 N. SPRING ST., the Board of Public Works will hold a public hearing at which time property owners or other interested persons may discuss any errors, omissions, or irregularities in the proceedings or assessments for this new street lighting district.

**Final Public Hearing:** At 10:00 a.m. on 1/27/2004, the Los Angeles City Council will hold a public hearing in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON THE THIRD FLOOR IN CITY HALL. This is also the final day for ballots to be received by the City Clerk. The City Clerk will count the ballots received by this date and report the results to the City Council at a later meeting, at which time the Council may confirm and levy the assessments.

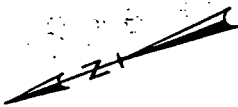
## **BALLOT RESULTS MAY BE VIEWED BY VISITING THE FOLLOWING INTERNET SITE:**

<http://www.cityofla.org/BSL/prop218.htm>

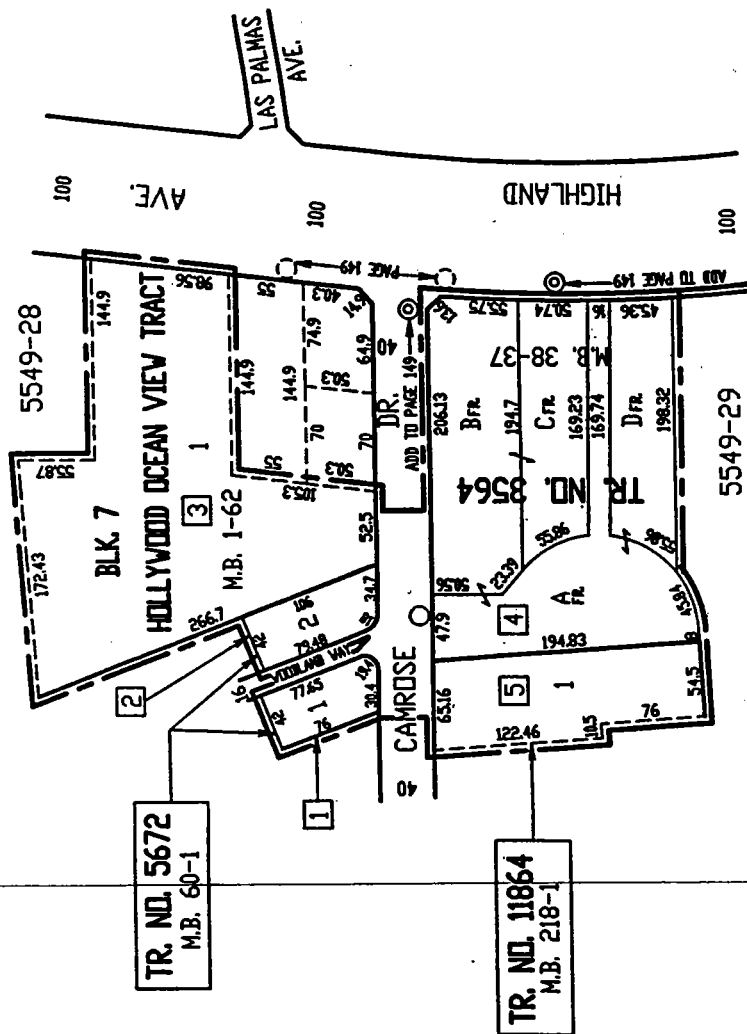
## ■ **REFERENCES**

1. City Council duly adopted Ordinance of Intention and the report of the Board of Public Works which includes the Engineer's Report, copies of which are available from the City Clerk (C.F. 03-1566).
2. Sections 6.95 - 6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code
3. Sections 50078.6, 54954.6 and 54960.1 of the California Government Code
4. Proposition 218, Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California State Constitution
5. Street Lighting Policy, Council File 97-0843, regarding majority protests.

# AREA MAP



NOT TO SCALE



## LEGEND:

- MAINTENANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- NEW STREETLIGHT
- NEW EQUIPMENT
- EXISTING STREETLIGHT
- CITY ASSESSMENT NUMBER
- LOT TIE

### CAMROSE DR. & HIGHLAND AVE. L.D.

PREPARED BY BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING

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Council Dist. 4  
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